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In re Application of:)	
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Giuseppe Colombo)	Group Art Unit: 1762
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Application No.: 09/892,480)	Examiner: Elena Tsoy
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Filed: June 28, 2001)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	Confirmation No.: 2907
INTRODUCING IN CONTINUOUS)	
A SUBSTANCE IN LIQUID PHASE)	
INTO PLASTICS GRANULES)	

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Sir:

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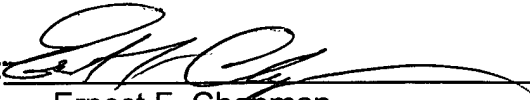
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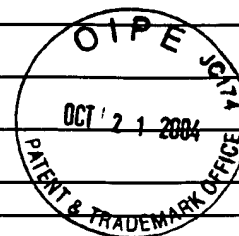
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